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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The weather in Nebraska the past week was very cold and windy with frequent periods of light snows and freezing drizzle. New snow accumulations were small during the week, but the heavy snow of the previous week end was moved around by the high winds and accumulated into deep drifts.

Temperatures for the week averaged from 10 to 17 degrees below normal.

CROPS Winter wheat went into the dormant stage in good to excellent condition; however, open fields are of some concern if extreme low temperatures and strong winds prevail. There is only a limited snow cover on open fields except for some southeastern areas. Freezing precipitation in this area caused crusting of the snow.

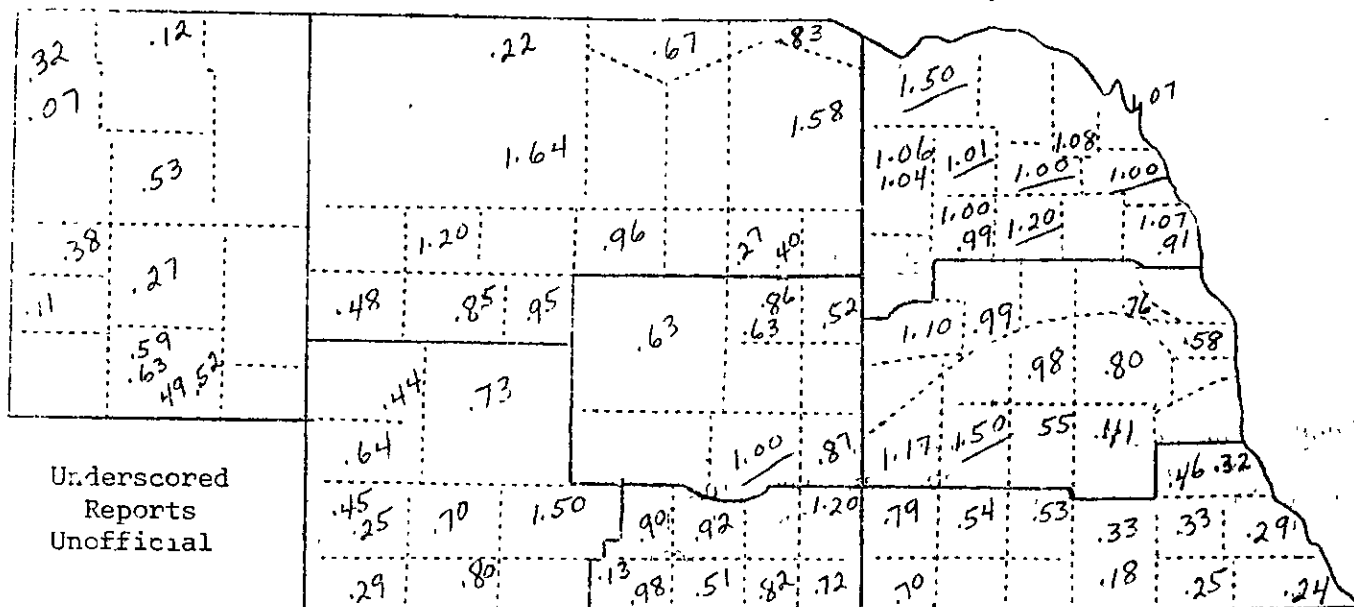
Most work consisted of necessary chores. Hard-to-start cold engines and frozen water supplies caused additional problems. Most field forages are covered by snow and supplemental feeding was necessary. Farmers and ranchers were experiencing much difficulty in moving feed supplies to livestock as large drifts developed around feeding areas.

LIVESTOCK Livestock suffered from the low temperatures, but storm losses were limited. Young livestock required much additional care. Feed yards have little if any clear place for cattle to lay down, and gains of cattle are limited. Getting adequate feed grain supplies has become difficult for large feed lots and dairies.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 29, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.01	Burwell	.27	Chadron	.03
Lincoln	.02	North Platte	.04	Imperial	.01
Norfolk	.16	Valentine	.08	Scottsbluff	.15
Omaha	.10			Sidney	.16
Sioux City	.18				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1938



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		December 23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	21	5	22	5	40	12	26	14	20	1	39	-4	1	-19
	Scottsbluff	19	6	36	14	31	13	38	24	32	8	40	1	8	-19
	Sidney	22	12	40	14	32	17	43	21	31	10	34	-1	8	-17
NC	Burwell	14	-6	18	6	18	--	26	10	16	2	18	0	3	--
	Valentine	14	-5	16	5	20	8	27	11	14	1	17	-2	-2	-20
NE	Norfolk	11	-8	9	6	19	13	27	20	22	10	14	2	10	-12
	Sioux City	11	-5	9	4	17	17	26	22	23	12	17	14	17	-6
CEN	Grand Island	14	-3	15	8	18	10	27	19	19	8	17	0	13	-11
FC	Lincoln	15	0	17	13	27	22	30	24	26	14	22	4	--	--
	Omaha	13	-2	11	9	21	17	27	23	23	13	19	11	21	-3
SW	Imperial	20	0	22	15	20	11	30	18	25	4	39	7	8	-10
	North Platte	15	-1	20	9	18	15	24	16	17	1	18	2	2	-12

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